

THE SCOUTS' POST BOX will be in church until Sunday 11 December. They will deliver your Christmas cards/letters to Abingdon, Radley and Shippon only. 25p per card.

ADVENT LABYRINTH The church will be open on **Tuesday 5, 12 and 19 December** between 11am and noon, and 7pm and 8pm. There will an opportunity to walk the labyrinth or simply to enjoy the sacred space. Entry through the south door.

THE NASIO TRUST CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE on Tuesday 5 December at 7.00pm at Trinity Church, Conduit Road. There will be songs and performances, as well as talks from different members of The Nasio Trust team. It's open to the whole family and gives people the opportunity to learn about The Nasio Trust and work we do in rural western Kenya, as well as giving our loyal supporters a chance to meet up and say hello! Please do come along for this FREE event!

TAIZÉ CIRCLE DANCING AND STILLNESS on Thursday 7 December from 9.45 – 10.45 am, in addition to our usual circle dancing. Elizabeth Mitchell will be the teacher. All dances are demonstrated and then broken down into smaller stages for teaching. No prior experience/partner needed. Contact Sue Sheppy for more details (susan.sheppy@btinternet.com), or just come and see!

ABINGDON TOWN BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Saturday 9 December, 7.30pm at St Helen's Church. Tickets £7 from Abingdon Guildhall Information Centre.

ST MICHAEL'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH - SUNDAY 7 JANUARY, Midday at the Prince of Wales pub in Shippon. Cost £18.50 per person. Book your place and order your food choices on the noticeboard or speak to Jenni. Last date for signing up will be **Sunday 3 December**.

VOLUNTEER KEYBOARD PLAYER NEEDED. I will be leading a simple Carol Service at the Health & Wellbeing Centre, Audlett Drive on Tuesday 19 December, from 11.00 am. The Centre has a keyboard but I need a willing volunteer to play it to accompany the carols; they will be very well known traditional carols! *Mary Williamson*

THE WINDOW Printed copies of the December/January issue should be available in church on Sunday.

THE DOOR Copies of the December issue are available in church. *Please note* that the insert The Doorway was incorrectly printed – pages 2, 3 and 4 were repeats of pages in the Door. Reprinted copies of the insert are available in church. The remaining copies of The Door now have the correct insert.

CHRISTIAN FOCUS the Winter edition is now available from the literature table.

COPIES OF *The Magnitude of Meekness – Christmas for Twelve Days*, by the Rector, Charles Miller, are on sale on the church bookstall.

ABINGDON AND DISTRICT CAB FRIENDS is once again running a winter project whereby you can donate your allowance to them and it will be passed on by the Citizens Advice Bureau at Abingdon to someone locally who really does need it. Please make cheques payable to: Abingdon CAB Friends and send to: Abingdon CAB Friends, C/O Citizens Advice, New Abbey House, Abbey Close, Abingdon, OX14 3JD.



St MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS CHURCH

ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

3rd December 2017 First Sunday of Advent

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Web site: <http://www.stmichaels-abingdon.org.uk>

Please join us for coffee or tea after our 9.30am service today.

If you are a visitor to St Michael's and would like us to keep in touch with you please speak to a churchwarden or sidesperson.

Please take home copies of this Leaflet for your friends and family who are not in church this weekend.

Items for inclusion in the next Leaflet to be sent to David Duce by Tuesday midday. Telephone 522591, pewleaflet@stmichaels-abingdon.org.uk

[*for Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals please contact the Parish Office]

Sunday 3 December First Sunday of Advent

08.00	Holy Communion (1662) at St. Helen's. The Revd Professor John Barton
09.30	Sung Mass & Welcome at St. Michael's. Canon Robert Teare
10.30	Sung Eucharist & Welcome at St. Helen's. The Revd Dr Charles Miller/ The Revd Mary Williamson
11.15	Mattins at St. Nicolas. The Revd David Bevington
17.30	Service of Advent Readings and Music at St Helen's. The Revd Mary Williamson & The Revd Dr Jane Baun
1st Reading	Isaiah 64.1-9
Psalm	80.1-8
2nd Reading	1 Corinthians 1.3-9
Gospel	Mark 13.24-end

Weekday services

Morning and Evening Prayer at St Helen's.

Tues: at St Michaels. **Advent Laybrinth Walks** 11.00 -12.00, 19.00 – 20.00.

Thurs: at St Michael's. **Said Mass** at 12.30, followed by a light lunch; preceded by

Taizé Circle Dancing and Stillness 09.45 to 10.45 and as usual, **Circle Dancing** at 11.00.

The Sanctuary Lamps are sponsored from 4 to 10 December by Jenni Collins in memory of her mother Kath Ellington.

Sunday 10 December Second Advent Sunday

08.00	Holy Communion (1662) at St. Helen's.
09.15	Morning Praise at St. Helen's
09.30	Sung Mass at St. Michael's.
10.30	Sung Eucharist at St. Helen's.
11.15	Holy Communion at St. Nicolas.
17.30	Patronal Festival Choral Evensong at St Nicolas'.
1st Reading	Isaiah 40.1-11
Psalm	85.1-2, 8-end [or 8-end]
2nd Reading	2 Peter 3.8-15a
Gospel	Mark 1.1-8

Clergy Rota for St Michael's

10 December The Revd Pauline Seaman

17 December The Revd Pauline Seaman/ Mrs Beryl Clements

Mass will be preceded by a welcome and a short period of silence

Hymns (NEH)

Opening:	Come, thou long expected Jesus	3
Offertory:	O come, O come, Emmanuel (omit vv 3&5)	11
Communion:	Jesus, these eyes have never seen	389
Communion:	From glory to glory	286
Recessional:	Ye servants of the Lord	18

Collect:

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Psalm

No psalm today.

Please pray for:

- the people of Egypt following the atrocities of last week;
- our faithful keeping of Advent, that we may watch and wait for the Lord's return;
- all those who are waiting in testing and difficult situations;
- our preparation for celebrating the birth of Our Lord;
- and give thanks for Fr Robert Teare and his ministry.